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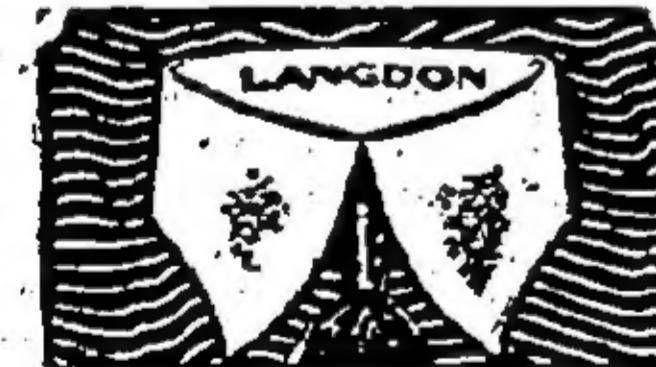
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### TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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#### COAL SITUATION CRITICAL

#### SCOTTISH RAILWAY STRIKE THREATENING

#### TIGHTENING THE BOYCOTT

London, May 11. Nine railwaymen employed by the Caledonian Railway have been suspended for refusing to work a coal train.

At the conclusion of a meeting at which the transport workers' executive arranged a joint conference with the railwaymen's executive on May 13 to consider steps for further tightening the boycott on seaborne coal, the Secretary, Mr. Robert Williams, who is regarded as an extremist, stated that the present situation was much more critical than three weeks ago. He said that delegates from the gas and electrical unions had reported to the transport workers' executive that members were refusing to handle coal discharged by blackleg labour. No distinction would be made a regards supplier from overseas.

#### MANAGERS AS SHIPS' STEWARDS

London, May 12.

The office staff of the Cunard Line at Liverpool, including the managers and directors have made a dramatic reply and volunteered to substitute the striking stewards and others. Three hundred signed on for the "Aquitania" which is sailing for New York on Saturday. The directors and managers are sailing on the same footing as clerks and are donning blue uniform. They will perform the same duties.

#### WORKERS' BLOCKADE INEFFECTUAL

London, May 12.

In spite of the transport workers' blockade, the Government is importing coal freely and moving it about the country. Imports are coming from France, Belgium and America. It is estimated that America is sending 100,000 tons. It is declared that the transport workers are divided among themselves and if matters are pushed to a sympathetic strike half will not obey.

A further twenty Caledonian railwaymen have been dismissed and a Scottish railway strike is threatening. Meanwhile oil-fuel is making the widest headway. It is stated that industries and public services will never again be wholly dependent on coal. Thousands of works and factories are fitting oil-burners. London's electric railways fuel oil-consumers begin to-day.

#### NOT ANOTHER STRIKE?

#### TRouble BREWING IN COTTON TRADE

London, May 11.

The cotton spinners' manufacturers' association has notified the weavers of the intended 30 per cent wages reduction. The northern counties textile trades federation received the notice on behalf of the operatives. They made no alternative offer but stated that they would consult their organisations and meet the employers on May 18. It is understood that the employers' full demand will be strongly opposed.

#### TURCO-GREEK STRUGGLE

#### ALLIES DECLARE CONSTANTINOPLE NEUTRAL

Constantinople, May 11.

A meeting of allied high commissioners, admirals, and generals decided to proclaim the neutrality of Constantinople, the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles in the Turkish and Greek struggle. The Greeks accordingly will be unable to use Constantinople as a base and will be invited to reduce their troops there to a minimum. They will also be required to withdraw their warships outside the three mile limit. The Greeks will thus be reduced to supplying the Brusa and Ismid fronts solely from Zodosta.

#### BRILLIANT CRICKET

#### AUSTRALIANS' MATCH WITH YORKSHIRE

#### FIRST TEST WITHOUT HOBBS.

London, May 11.

At the close of the innings at Bradford in fine dull weather before 13,000 spectators, the Australians had made 263 runs. Gregory made 104 not out, playing soundly for 150 minutes without giving any chances. He hit 17 fours. Rhodes took five wickets for 87 runs. Yorkshire made 26 for one wicket. It is stated that Hobbs' injury received on May 5, in the match against Robinson's eleven will not permit him to play in the first test match as a specialist has ordered him a month's rest.

#### ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION

#### COMMONS APPROVE NEW CUSTOMS DUTY

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons the first fiscal resolution providing a customs duty of 33½ per cent. on the value of certain specified articles was carried by 236 votes to 72. The House then proceeded to debate the second resolution dealing with dumping and countries with depreciated exchange.

#### SINGAPORE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

#### STRaits GOVERNOR ASKED FOR FULL REPORT

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question alleging inefficient municipal government at Singapore, Sir Kingsley Wood stated that he was asking the Governor for a full report on the matter.

### THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/6 1/8  
Today's opening rate 2/6 1/8

### MARINE PROSECUTIONS

#### CHINESE BOATMEN FINED

Infringement of the narrow regulations was alleged against a number of Chinese boatmen who appeared before the Marine Magistrate (Lieutenant Conway Hake, R.N.R.) at the Marine Court this morning.

#### "IN A HURRY."

#### POLICE SIGNALS IGNORED

Fung Tai, master of the steam launch "Kwong Kim" had to answer a charge of having failed to stop his launch when called upon to do so by a police officer.

It appeared from the evidence of Lance Sergt. Carey that the latter was patrolling off Green Island at about 1:15 a.m. on May 6 when he saw the "Kwong Kim" making its way in from the direction of Capst. Defendant seemed to be avoiding the police launch so the Sergeant chased him towards the Eastern end of Stonecutters and blew a series of blasts on the siren. The "Kwong Kim" still kept going and declined to take any notice of the police signals until the Sergeant fired a few rounds from his Winchester. Then Fung Tai, after acknowledging each shot with several blasts on his whistle, came slowly alongside the police launch and explained to the Sergeant that he was in a hurry.

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**INTIMATIONS.**

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st May, 1921, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1921, and electing Directors and Auditor. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 21st May, 1921, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 4th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on **FRIDAY**, May 27th, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

**BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 55th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on **FRIDAY**, May 27th, 1921, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to the 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 52nd ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings on **FRIDAY**, May 27th, 1921, at 12.45 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

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**INTIMATIONS.**

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinances under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from \$10 million to the present authorised capital of the Company to 50 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION be forthwith increased from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of \$70 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Register to pay for their allotments at the rate of exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day on which the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three shares of which on the 28th day of May, 1921, Shareholders shall respectively be the registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of \$70 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows:—

1st instalment of £35 on the 1st of July, 1921.

2nd and final instalment of £35 on the 1st day of October, 1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares less than or not a multiple of three, a fractional certificate in respect of each share less than three or in excess of a multiple of three and one. One New Share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the instalment and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine to be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owner of the shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the date when the same become due, and that registered Holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due date for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

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**BIRTH.**  
**MOODIE**—On May 6, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Moodie, a daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**  
**DE JAURIAS-ANTIPHENKO**—On May, 6, 1921, at Shanghai, China, R. Aubin de Jaurias to Lydia Antipenko.

**DEATHS.**  
**JACKSON**—On May 7, 1921, at Shanghai, William Sanford Jackson, aged 64 years.  
**DE SOUZA**—On May 8, 1921, at Shanghai, Mrs. Maria Rosario Atira dos Remedios de Souza, aged 43 years, beloved wife of E. M. de Souza and mother of three sons residing in Hongkong and one daughter resident in Shanghai.

**The China Mail.**

CHINA POST, PUBLIC SERVICE

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1921.

**RENT RESTRICTION.**

We already have rent restriction in Hongkong, in the case of houses erected with Government money loaned for the purpose. The principle is therefore admitted. The Governor some time ago publicly announced that in certain circumstances he would give us a law restricting rents to a fair standard. The time has come to ascertain whether or not those circumstances are already with us. A correspondent mooted the topic for us in yesterday's *China Mail*, and advanced arguments in favour of rent restriction. The public meeting last night discussed the new

high, as they are, these impositions, even when small, are the more bitterly resented. Every extra fraction of a dollar unnecessarily added is the proverbial "last straw." They are, however, commonly not small, but serious enough to amount to a grave "squeeze." In one case reported to us, and supported by documentary evidence, a Kowloon landlord, giving the new tax as his reason for raising the rent, coolly proposed to take an extra profit of four dollars a month on the new tax. We recommended the aggrieved tenant in that case to lay the facts before the Government, for their information, consideration, and necessary action. If such cases were uncommon we could understand the Government's procrastination. It seems to shrink from intervention in this matter, though it barges in fast enough in others where more deliberation would be wise. They are not rare. It is not likely that all the aggrieved tenants in Hongkong tell their troubles to the *China Mail*, yet we have listened to so many that we are convinced there is enough of this grasping grab, squeeze, and profiteering to warrant, and necessitate, official restriction of rent charges. We trust that His Excellency The Governor, just returned to the Colony, may be induced to regard this matter as one demanding the first claim on his attention.

**ABOUT THE ASHES.**

The decisive character of their victory over Surrey—traditionally one of the most formidable of the County cricket teams—makes it evident that the transference of the reliable Australians to the old country has been marked by no perceptible loss of form. Rather does it appear that they have benefited by the change and that the Home defenders will only be able to turn the tables by concentrating every effort upon the task of putting a super-energetic wag into the lamentably inert batting tail that spelled defeat for them in the Antipodes.

When the Englishmen went out to Australia they were thought to constitute the strongest batting team that the old country had produced but even then it was obvious that there was a definite "caudal appendage" thereto, it would seem, lies the difference between the English side and the Australians who suffer from such handicap but can bat, and bat well, right down the eleventh man in the team. The visiting batsmen are a varied lot. They range from the brilliant Macartney to the sound-and-steady Collins and the seemingly impregnable Kelleway. Then there are the two slashing left-handers, Bardsley and Gregory, both of whom have a reputation for fierce hitting. The men from down under are capable fieldsmen and it appears likely that if there be any chink in the Australian armour it will be found to exist in regard to their bowling. Gregory, a wonderful all round player, is a first class bowler with a fast, well pitched ball that proves highly dangerous. Mailey trundles a difficult sort of googie. Armstrong, the Australian to be skipper, is also a circumstance to be reckoned with and his performance against Surrey, when he captured 12 wickets at the small cost of 77 runs disclosed him to be at the top of his bowling form. Apart, however, from the triumvirate referred to the Australian bowling, on an ordinary wicket, is not likely to reach the brilliant standard of their batting.

P. F. Warner is a cricketing authority whose opinion on the subject of the Home team's chances of recovering the Ashes is worth quoting. In the course of an interesting article which appeared recently in the *Times* he says: "We shall have to try and find another Barnes. Our present bad wicket bowling is by no means strong enough. On a soft wicket Rhodes and Woolley would get any side out for less than 100 runs. The Australian soft wicket bowling is rather an unknown quantity." According to some critics it was very bad indeed during the second second test match (in Australia) but we cannot really judge until we see them on a characteristic sun-baked English wicket. I would sooner see the test matches played on hard wickets throughout and I do not think that England would disgrace herself."

Despite the very desponding comments that have been written about English cricket there will be many to agree with Mr. Warner that there is really no need for us to get upset about it. "It is not the first time that England has been beaten by Australia." "Plum" points out "and it is my view that England's defeat will give a great fillip to international cricket, and especially to the series of test matches against Australia which is to be played in this country in a few months' time."

Any rate whatever may be the result of the titanic struggle shortly to begin, it is certain that the progress of the tests will be watched with an interest that will be no less keen in the case of us who are dependent for our news upon the vagaries of friend Reuter than it

will be on the part of those many thousands of favoured mortals who will push their eager way through the turnstiles at Lord's or the Oval.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

Two fatal cases of small-pox, both Chinese, were reported yesterday.

Mr. John Robertson of the a.s. "Chin Sang" has passed his examination as second class engineer.

Among the passengers who arrived by the C.P.O.S. "Empress of Japan" this morning was Sir Ellis Kadoorie.

For allowing his pony to run about on Kennedy Road unattended, a Chinese summoned before Magistrate Lindsell this morning by Sergeant Eison, was fined \$5.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B. left Shanghai on Monday on board H.M.S. "Alacrity" for Wei-hai-wei. H.M.S. "Carline" also sailed for the same destination.

For failing to notify her aunt of her marriage a young bride in Pootung was beaten to death by the former, states the Chinese press. The aunt is now under arrest.

Passengers by the C.P.O.S. "Empress of Japan" which arrived here this morning included subjects of the following countries—America, Britain, China, Brazil, France, Holland, Japan, and Malaya.

We are asked to state that the Raffle for the late Mr. Vanstone's Piano and Gramophone resulted as follows:—1st Prize (Piano), C. Sterling, ticket 260; 2nd Prize (Gramophone and 50 Records), W. Ward, ticket 201.

The Chinese press states that the Peking Government is preparing a memorandum of the losses sustained by Chinese merchants through depreciation in the value of roubles. When this has been prepared a bill will be submitted to the Russian Government for recovery of the same.

There are 333 companies registered in the Straits, a hundred and six of them relating to planting and 12 to mining. Forty-six companies were registered in Singapore in 1920 with a nominal capital of \$66 millions and 27 in Penang with a nominal capital of seventeen millions.

Peking reports state that a loan for \$5,000,000 is being negotiated by the Peking Government who offer the Kiangnan Dock & Engineering Works as security. \$2,000,000 will be used as the Ministry of Navy's share, \$2,000,000 for the payment of salaries due to the men of the navy, and \$1,000,000 as a capital for the Fisheries Bank.

Wit and skill combined to an admirable degree give a grace and finish to the performances of the "Merry Wizard" Mr. Percy Abbott, and his charming partner, Miss Mildred Sydney, who are at present appearing with great success at different clubs and entertainments in the Colony. This talented couple leave shortly for Shanghai, and are assured of a warm welcome on their return to Hongkong.

A Chinese woman living in Hongkong, was yesterday the victim of an old confidence trick played on her by two men whom she met opposite the Po Hing Theatre in Gascoigne Road. The men who, claimed to be strangers, asked her to change a roll of "notes" for them, and persuaded her to part with a pair of gold mounted rattan bangles and two rings, valued at \$37, as security. Not until she reached the money-changers did she discover the fraud.

The Marconi International Maritime Communication Company have issued the following circular to their operators and shipmasters are earnestly requested to co-operate:—Operations employed on board ships trading to the Far East will note that arrangements have been made to transmit from the Cape d'Aguilar (Hongkong) Radiotelegraph Station to ships at sea a summary of meteorological conditions and weather forecasts. In return ships will forward meteorological observations through the Cape d'Aguilar Station to the Royal Observatory, Hongkong.

Rangoon's population shows an increase of 40,000 on the last census—so the house shortage is not so unaccountable and mysterious after all. However, the worst conditions here are not so bad as those reported from some of the Indian cities, notably Calcutta, which are positively harrowing. There was only one legal case arising out of the census operations. In it Mr. McCarty was brought to Court in connection with some few remarks he addressed to the census who visited his house. The case was very summing but the complaint was withdrawn much to the disappointment of those who were enjoying the fun.

**SPECIAL CABLES.**

**SHANGHAI COUNCIL.**

**CHINESE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**[China Mail SPECIAL.]**

SHANGHAI, May 12.  
 The Chinese advisory committee attended for the first time a meeting of the Municipal Council. They were heartily welcomed and invited to cooperate in affairs affecting the Chinese.

**A MEMORABLE VISIT.**

**[China Mail SPECIAL.]**

SHANGHAI, May 12.  
 Sir Beily Astor on Wednesday departed for Peking after a memorable visit.

**STRAITS STRIKE ENDS.**

**[China Mail SPECIAL.]**

SINGAPORE, May 12.  
 The local fitters' strike is ending. A number of fitters returned to work at the Harbour Board to-day.

**NEW STEAMER.**

**LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON.**

**INTERESTING CEREMONY.**

A successful launch of a new steamer took place this morning from the shipbuilding ways of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. premises at Kowloon Docks.

The vessel, sister ship to the "Hektor" which was launched last February, has been built to the order of Messrs. Brunsgaard Kiester and Co. of Drammen, Norway, and under the supervision of their Superintendent, Captain Ivar Siveland. The launching ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. R. M. Dyer, the wife of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., the vessel being christened "Hellen" as she left the ways.

After the ceremony the company adjourned to the offices of the Company where the usual toasts were honoured.

The principal dimensions are as follows, viz:—

Length between perpendiculars 400 feet, breadth moulded 52 feet, depth moulded to Upper Deck 31 feet, between decks 8 feet, erections 7 feet 6 inches.

A total deadweight of 8,250 tons will be carried on a mean draft of 25 feet 6 inches, the speed loaded being eleven knots per hour.

Propelling machinery constructed by the builders is amidships and of 3,100 indicated horse power, consisting of one set of triple expansion surface-condensing engines having cylinders 27-44-73 inches diameter x 48 inches stroke, steam at 160 lbs. working pressure under forced draught being supplied by three cylindrical return-tube boilers of 15 feet 6 inches diameter x 11 feet 6 inches long.

The engine and boiler room outfit includes a Weir's D.C. heater and Weir's main feed pump, independent centrifugal circulating pump, also general service, ballast, and winch condenser pumps.

Unusual in cargo steamers is the See's Ash, Ejector and Ash Ejector pump installed for disposal of ashes from the stokehold.

The coal bunkers are of large capacity, and provision has been made for carrying oil fuel throughout the double bottom in accordance with Lloyd's requirements, the vessel having been specially surveyed during construction by Messrs. Gardner and Morrison, local representatives for Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**THE RATES QUESTION.**

**To the Editor of the "China Mail."**

Dear Sir—I had intended, at the Public Meeting yesterday, to point out why it was thought necessary to proceed by way of Public Meeting instead of by Public Petition.

The reason was that, as the proposed increase of Rates is to take effect on July 1, the adoption of a speedy method of procedure was essential.

Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this explanation.

I am, Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

Hongkong, May 12, 1921.

**CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.**

**ASSOCIATION CALLS PUBLIC MEETING.**

**DEMAND FOR AN UNOFFICIAL MAJORITY.**

**PETITION TO BE PRESENTED TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

official views to which attention may or may not be paid at the discretion of the Government. The real work of the officials lies outside the Council as unofficial advisers to the Government, and of this the public knows nothing. Its ostensible function as a deliberative assembly is merely one of form and not of substance. They go on to say;

Secondly, we are of opinion that it does not arouse public interest and inspire confidence. The main reasons for this we consider to be (a) that the population has no voice in the appointment of its members, (b) that the unofficial membership is not able to keep in touch with the views of certain sections of the population, (c) the Council procedure with an official majority results in the identification of the official members with the Government rather than with the public. We consider that the first step in inducing public interest in the proceedings of the Council is that the official majority should be abandoned.

I think that report is a very striking confirmation of our hopes, which are that we shall also obtain, in due course, an unofficial majority in this Colony because we have Ceylon with an unofficial majority already obtained and a committee recommending one in the Straits Settlements. Therefore I see no reason why Hongkong need despair. In the official mind at least these three Eastern colonies are considered to be more or less on one plan; and why should the solitary exception to a general rule be made in the case of the loyal inhabitants of Hongkong?

The fourth resolution is that a petition be sent to the House of Commons asking for support in securing these changes in the Legislative Council. We are practically driven to this course. We have received replies from two different Secretaries of State, one in answer to the petition of 1918 and the other to resolutions passed in January, 1919, at a public meeting. In neither of these replies has there been vouchsafed to us a single reason for not granting a measure of constitutional reform. I tried recently in the Legislative Council to elicit whether that could really be so that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had given no reason in his despatch, and the answer was that he had given none. Under these circumstances we propose to revert to the procedure of 1918 when a petition was sent to the House of Commons asking for a more representative form of Government, and it is our hope that this petition will be widely signed in the Colony, not only by members of the Association but by all those who feel that the cause we are trying to forward is worthy of support. (Applause.)

I believe this question is sometimes sidetracked by people who say, "What do you want with an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council?" One reason is that the Legislative Council in Hongkong is to a very great extent a municipal council and performs those functions in a large measure. The way in which public works expenditure on purely municipal matters has risen in the last year or two is astonishing. In 1920 (Mr. Pollock remarked) expenditure for public works extraordinary was only \$2 millions out of 143 millions. For 1921, the expenditure under this head was nearly 5 millions out of 14 millions, so that expenditure on public works extraordinary had doubled. But to this must be added \$630,000, personal emoluments, and \$340,000 for public works recurrent; also over half-a-million dollars voted for the Sanitary Department which might be considered a municipal department. Thus, 7 millions out of 14 millions, or 50 per cent, of the revenue for 1921 were spent on the P.W.D. and the Sanitary Department. He did not think those who suggested that the Council had nothing to do with municipal matters, and that the Association ought not to move for a reform of the Council, but for a municipal council, had made out a good case. (Applause.)

**MR. C. G. ALABASTER.**

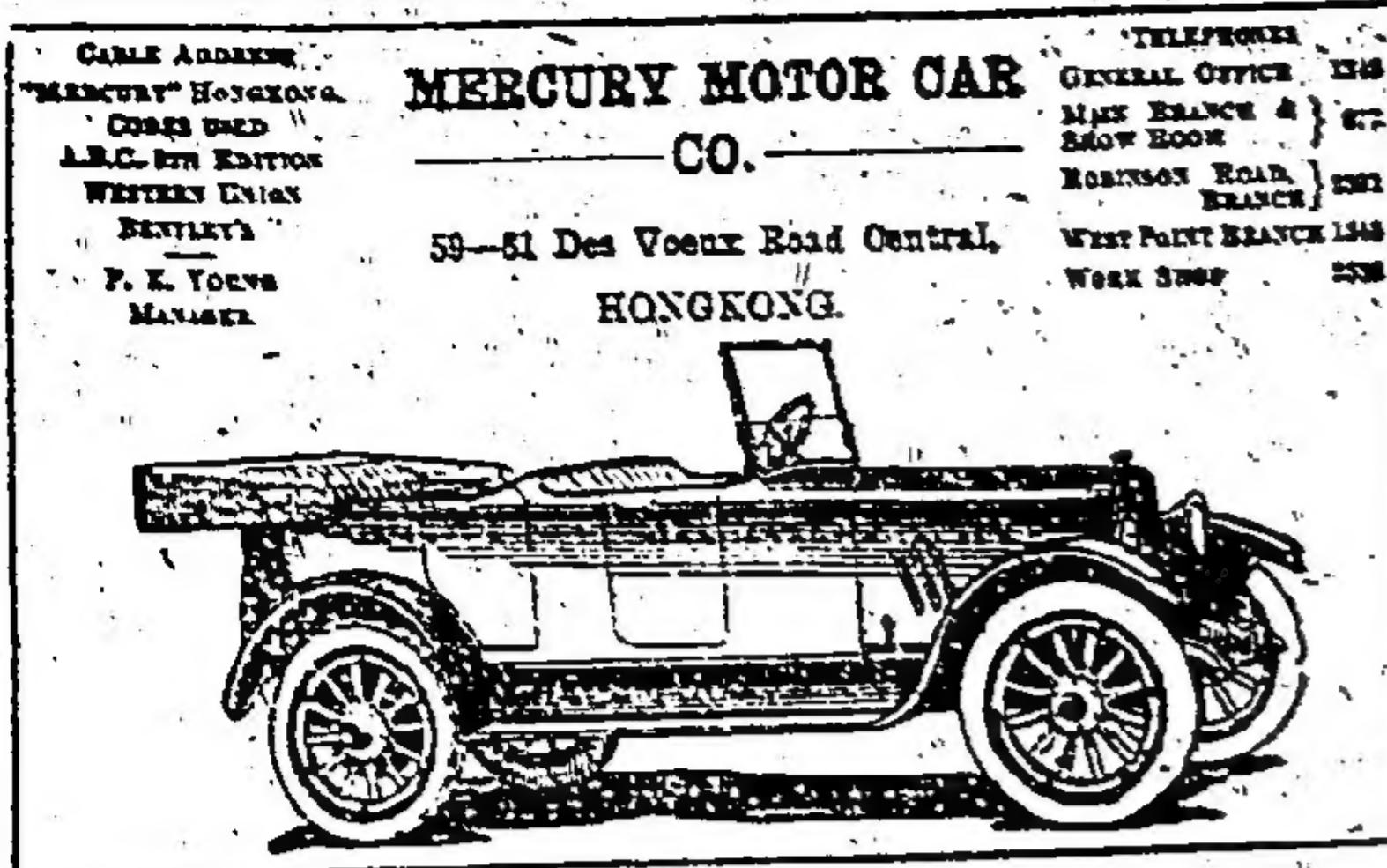
Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., said: Gentlemen—it gives me great pleasure to second the resolutions. They are simpler than the resolutions of two years ago and for that very reason I think they will make a greater appeal to that great sense of right which lies at the basis of all loyal sentiment. The resolutions of two years ago were complicated by too much machinery. They pointed out a road, not necessarily the right road, but still a road by which our constitution could be knocked into it. In these resolutions we point to the principle and leave the road to be found by those at home who say that they are not convinced that any change is desirable. The principles for which we are working are wider represented by their elected representatives in a majority. (Without a majority their voice is ineffectual, as Mr. McGuigan said.) We should not be treated differently from Ceylon.

In confirmation of his reference to Ceylon and the Straits Settlements as sister colonies of Hongkong, Mr. Pollock said that a few years ago they were all three dealt with in the same department of the Colonial Office—he did not know whether that was still the case, but he believed it was. At all events, they were closely connected in the matter of promotion of officials. A former Governor of Hongkong became the Governor of Ceylon, the present Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, came here from the Colonial Secretariat of Ceylon. Sir John Bucknill, formerly Attorney-General of Hongkong, went to the Straits Settlements to be Chief Justice, and from the Straits Settlements this Colony received as Colonial Secretary, the gentleman now Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster.

To pass on to the Straits Settlements, a few months ago a committee was appointed by the Straits Government, voluntarily, and that committee of whom one of the members was the Attorney-General—unanimously recommended that there should be an unofficial majority on the Council there. I would like to read you a few of the observations made in the report in support of that recommendation. Referring to the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements they say:

"There is a sense of unreality about its debates."

The shadow of the official majority hangs over its proceedings. There is in fact no debate; it serves mainly as



## HOME ITEMS.

By an Order in Council, published in the London Gazette, the importation of firearms, including parts, and of ammunition, including bombs, grenades and other similar missiles, is prohibited.

It is officially reported in Dublin that Mr. John Cathcart, a Protestant manager of Paisley and Co., Youghal, co. Cork, was shot dead by armed civilians, who broke into his house. Near the body was found a piece of paper with the words, "Convicted spy. Informers, beware."

The estimated amount of rates per head of population in England and Wales for the current financial year, according to a reply given by Dr. Addison to a question in the Commons, is £3 19s. 1d.

A report issued from Dublin Castle states that an unknown man, apparently a tramp, aged 30, was found shot dead near Kenmare, co. Kerry. He was blindfolded, his hands were tied behind his back, and there was a card attached to him bearing the words, "All spies beware." —I.R.A.

As a result of a search of the headquarters of the Sinn Fein propagandists in Dublin, the police seized several tons of files, books and seditious literature.

An interesting action in the Melbourne High Court is being tried in which Messrs. Blackie, the publishers, are seeking to restrain the Lothian Book Publishing Company from publishing an Australasian edition of Shakespeare's "Henry VI." on the ground that it infringed the copyright of the Warwick Shakespeare. The judge and counsel pored minutely over Holinshed's account of the creation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and other passages in the text, such as Henry's reply to the gift from the Dauphin of carpet and tennis balls, which is particularly disputed.

Whilst a motor-car was being driven over the level crossing at Perpignan, France, an express train, going at full speed, dashed into it and smashed it to atoms. Five people who were in the motor were killed outright, their bodies being horribly mutilated. Those killed were M. Payra, aged 39, a publican, his wife, their two daughters, and a servant. The keeper of the crossing who failed to close the gates for the arrival of the express, has been arrested. An inquiry has been opened.

As the result of a plaint lodged by a big London bank the Paris police have arrested a man named Felix Suhrel on a charge of swindling, involving a sum of 100,000 francs.

## WHY

## IS "APRIL FOOLS' DAY" SO CALLED?

Both in England and on the Continent it is considered legitimate to make "April Fools" on the first day of April, and the practice naturally spread to America, just as did the belief surrounding "Ground-hog Day," "St. Swithin's Day," and other anniversaries. There is no reference to the custom, however, in early English literature, and it would appear that both England and Germany derived it from France, where the custom of "poissons d'Avril" or "April fish" has long been established, but a really adequate reason for the practice has yet to be discovered.

One theory traces it to an allusion to Noah's sending the dove out of the ark on its first fruitless errand. Another refers to the miracle plays representing the sending of Christ from Annas to Caiaphas and from Plate to Herod, while still another claims that the festival is due to the change made in France, in 1564, of New Year's Day to January 1, which left April 1 without its former merry-making. Recently an attempt has been made to identify the custom with the Hindu festival of Holi, and it is worthy of note that in China the symbolic ploughing by the Emperor takes place during the month of April, and that in Japan the Feast of Dolls is kept in the same month. But, at best, these are mere conjectures, and even Walsh, in his exhaustive treatise on the "Curiosities of Popular Customs," admits that "of the origin of this custom nothing positive is known."

## ODDS AND ENDS.

## MAINLY SCISSORS LOOTS.

## Professors' War Blunder.

Writing in the Buxton "Literary Magazine" on "Paris During the War," the Marquis of Hartington says: "On one occasion we had a good laugh at a certain worthy professor who, like a good many others, had been enrolled into the Intelligence Department. This painstaking man, who was engaged on the detection of leakages in the blockade, wrote an enormous memorandum on the sinister ramifications of the firm of 'E Hijos' in Spain. In eighty pages of typewritten foolscap, he traced the workings of this ruffian, showed how he was more or less interested in every firm which was smuggling iron ore to Germany, supplying enemy submarines, or otherwise acting to the prejudice of the Allies, and in a masterly summing up suggested a means of checkmating him. Next day he learned—and he was never allowed to forget it—that 'E Hijos' is simply the Spanish for 'and sons'."

## Jurywoman's Children.

One of four jurywomen who served at an inquiry into a fatal accident surprised the Aberdeen Sheriff Court. Her two children accompanied her into the court, and the mother, who came from a rural district, said that she could not leave them at home because there was no one look after them. The children remained while their mother sat in the jury-box. At the close of the court the woman, besides claiming expenses for herself, asked that the railway fares of the children be paid also. The court officials, surprised at the unusual request, decided against the jury, woman's claims.

## Traces of Staines.

A curious incident arose in connection with the recent launching at Flensburg of the German liner "Tirpitz" built in the yards belonging to the Staines Maritime Company. The former German Naval Naval had been invited to the ceremony, along with Count von Dohna-Schloben, who earned notoriety during the war as the commander of the privateer "Moewe." But 3,000 of the workers, resenting the honour to be paid the instigator of U-boat piracy, declared that they would have nothing to do with the launching. Thereupon Herr Staines ordered a "lock-out," and the men promptly gave way. In the speech delivered by Herr Staines the latter indulged in a most violent diatribe against the Allies, and referred to the French colonial troops in the occupied Rhineland as "the black plague."

It is strange that so little should have been heard of the matter. The next liner to be launched by the same firm is to be christened "Ludendorff."

## Missing.

The decision of the War Graves Commission to erect upon the battle-fields obelisks to the memory of the missing meets the natural human desire of the bereaved for some tangible spot with which to associate their grief. It was at first suggested that the missing should be grouped by their regiments. But that would not have been nearly so satisfying.

In the welter of war the losses of a regiment, a battalion, or even a company, were incurred on many different fields, and it is on these that the memorials should be erected. There the mourners can feel that at least their dead are lying not far from the stone on which their names are recorded.

## Subtle Compliment.

We have heard much lately of the lady who was Miss Margot Tennant before she became Mrs. Asquith, it is a relief to hear something of her sister Laura (the late Mrs. Arthur Lyttelton) for a change. When, in 1883, Mr. Gladstone and a distinguished company made that historic trip round the west coast of Scotland in the "Pembroke Castle," one of Sir Donald Currie's Cape liners, Laura Tennant was the life and soul of the whole party. ("She") entranced everybody, from the sailors to the Prime Minister, with her charm and cleverness, her good humour, and her overflowing spirits, which pleased everybody at her feet. One of the sailors whom she asked whether he was married, looked at her and said, "Yes, Ma'am, I am sorry to say I am," and this she said was the highest and most subtle compliment she had ever received.

## YESTERDAY'S PUBLIC MEETINGS.

## THE NEXT STEP.

## PUBLIC PETITION BEING PREPARED.

Asked by a *China Mail* reporter this morning if he would indicate what steps were being taken to give effect to the resolutions carried at yesterday's public meetings the Chairman of the Constitutional Reform Association (Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.) said that the protest against the proposed increase in house rates would be transmitted to the Government without delay.

Questioned in regard to the proposed petition to the House of Commons on the subject of constitutional reform, Mr. Pollock said that the committee of the CRA would commence at once upon the work of drafting the document which would afterwards be circulated for public signature.

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## AND SIX MONTHS' JAIL.

## POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme, at the instance of Sub-Inspector Wills, of No. 7, Police Station, with the unlawful possession on the first floor of No. 2, Muifong Street, West Point, of 96 lbs of prepared non-Government opium, and 120 lbs of raw opium.

The first man admitted ownership of all the drug, while Mr. R. E. Webster who appeared for the second denied all knowledge of the drug. Mr. Webster said that both men lived on the same floor, but his client, a fishmonger, went to work early in the morning and returned home late at night and did not know what happened during his absence.

After hearing the evidence the Magistrate discharged the second man and sentenced the first to six months' hard labour, \$5,000 fine, or, in default, a further six months.

The body of the Chinese youth who was carried out to sea by the flood near the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, at Quarry Bay, on Monday afternoon was washed ashore yesterday about 30 yards from the spot where he fell in.

On Tuesday morning while a boat was at anchor in Kweichung Creek, Chinwan, the mast rope suddenly gave way and the sail collapsed. A *foki*, who was rendered unconscious, fell into the harbour and sank immediately. A dinghy was lowered but all efforts to recover the body failed.

Captain W. H. Calthrop, A.M.R.N., is to act as Master Attendant, and Lieutenant Commander C. A. Peal, R.N.R., as Deputy Master Attendant, Straits Settlements. Lieutenant C. J. Wilson is to act as Deputy Registrar of Shipping and Observer for Time Balls.

Having carefully made his plans before-hand a man yesterday entered a shop in Queen's Road Central and purchased seven dozen cotton singlets. When told that the singlets cost \$150, he said that he had not brought enough money, and asked that a *foki* be allowed to accompany him with the singlets to a house in Wing Lok Street there to collect the money. The shop assistant carrying the purchase followed the man through several dark lanes until suddenly two or three men snatched the bundle and ran away. The supposed customer also made off.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship "SHIDZUOKA MARU" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Houseaux and Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co.'s Godowns Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY. Goods not cleared by the 15th May, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA  
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Hongkong, May 12, 1921.

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Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

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All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 23rd May, 1921, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.

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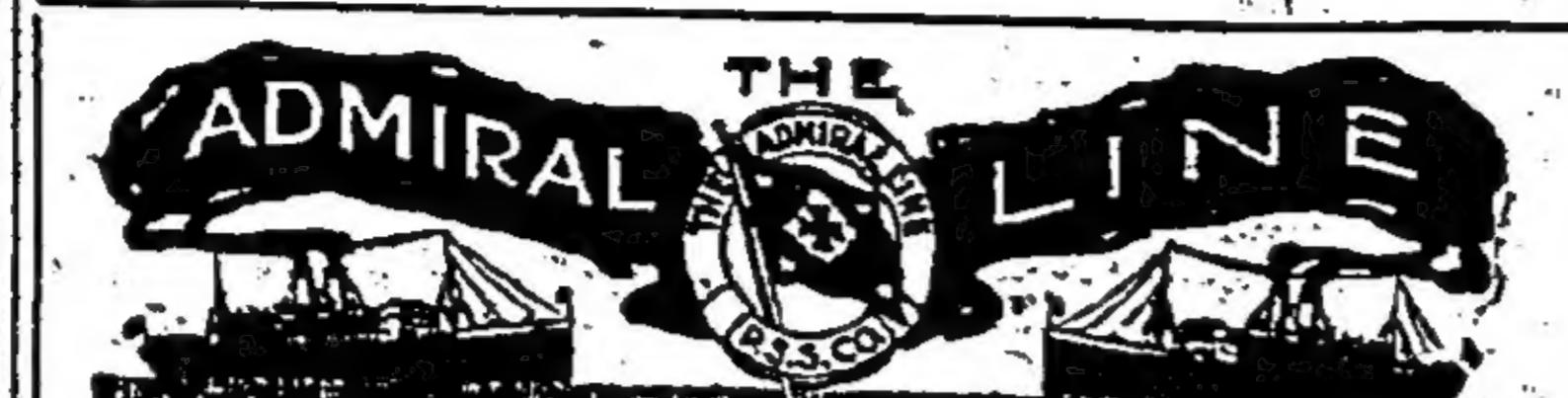
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It is stated that a commission, composed of representatives of the American war, navy, commerce and state departments, the United States, shipping boards and a delegate from the Philippine Government, will be assembled in Washington to settle the question of making Manila the American trade base in the Far East through the construction of additional docks and breakwaters.

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## DUBLIN TO-DAY.

## EXTRAORDINARY DISCLOSURES.

Outwardly the tides of Dublin life flow much as they have always done. Grafton Street of afternoons is as thronged as in pre-war days with shoppers and loungers, crowds besiege the picture houses, unarmed police regulate the traffic, unarmed soldiers with girls on their arms, promenade College Green as unconcernedly as if Irish front were a newspaper invention. No visitor, however short his stay, is likely, it is true, to escape the sight of lorries packed with troops in steel helmets rumbling through the streets, or of the swiftly careering Crossley tenders, perched on which Auxiliaries, fingers on the triggers of their automatics, rake the passers-by with watchful eyes. But, except for nine o'clock curfew, a stranger, properly shepherded, might see little or nothing that would lead him to believe that the situation is worse than it was a year ago.

To Dubliners, however, the difference is startling. Little things sometimes bring it home more vividly than sensations that in double-column headlines in the evening papers. One evening recently I was passing along Camden Street, a great popular shopping centre, when a man near me gave a strangled shriek and dropped in some kind of fit. The people close by ran to help, but when I looked up hundreds of people were stamping wildly to cover. Nerves, of course. Yet there was some excuse for nerves. The windows of the shop into which the unfortunate man was carried were pierced with half a dozen bullet holes, the result of a volley fired a few evenings before after an attempt to bomb a military lorry. Dubliners may be jumpy, but they manage at critical junctures to adjust themselves to the situation with less fuss than one would imagine. I learned this another night on a train which stopped suddenly with an ominous jerk. No one knew what was happening but amidst confused and threatening shouts outside a cry was suddenly heard. "They're going to fire." Instead of the shrieks that might have been expected, every man and woman in the car stopped from their seats without a word flat on the floor. Fortunately it was a false alarm. Soldiers had halted the car merely to search the passengers. I told the incident afterwards to a business man, but instead of being impressed he was critical. "You know," he said seriously, "this lying down trick isn't much good. One of my clerks, who was caught in the Terenure ambush, hung himself on the footpath. Next minute every soldier in the lorry concentrated fire on him, thinking that he was potting at them. The trouble is to know what to do." In Dublin people have learned to take it for granted that they may be fired on at any moment, and their chief concern is, as my friend put it, "to know what to do."

The hours between dusk and curfew are the most dangerous, but the day is not without its perils. At any moment one may find at one's elbow a punitiously polite agent in uniform who munitions an invitation to accompany him to the Castle. Should there be any hesitation the butt of a revolver is promptly produced as a warrant. In the Castle Yard papers are demanded, and, with an assurance that these will be examined as speedily as possible, the secret service officer disappears. Most of those who are called upon to undergo this ordeal are well aware of its real meaning. They know that the examination of papers is an excuse, and that posted behind the windows overlooking the Yard are dozens of people who were witnesses of murders, or who profess to be able to identify members of the "murder-gang." Remembering some of the evidence of identification at recent courts-martial, the stoutest loyalist breathes a sigh of relief when the officer returns his papers with apologies and informs him that he is free to depart.

The most innocent behaviour may bring the unwary into the net. A well known Government official had an appointment with his wife in the centre of the city. She happened to be late, and as he stood looking into a shop window he heard a peremptory voice in his ear: "Walk in front of me, and turn into the second street on the right. Don't attempt to run. You are covered from the other side of the footpath." With a thumping heart the official obeyed. Half-way down the second street—a narrow unfringed lane—he was ordered to halt, and turning round saw in addition to the first man three others, each with his right hand in his jacket pocket, a pose which has only one meaning in Dublin nowadays. The official was searched for arms, and then told he would be taken to the Castle for violating the military order against loitering in the streets. Luckily for him, he was able to produce a document which showed that he was in the Government service. After scrutinising this his captors agreed that it was not necessary to detain him. As he was turning back the man who had stopped him said: "If I were you I shouldn't go that way. It's pretty certain some of the other side saw you being taken here. They'll probably think, if you go back now, that you gave us information. We'd better say the advice was taken. And it is a pleasant prospect for the average man that to be held up by one side and escape

arrest is equivalent in the eyes of the other to a declaration of hostility.

Curfew, which was fixed first at midnight, and then two hours earlier, is now at nine o'clock. And long before the official time the streets are clear of all save those who have no objection to taking risks. The majority of the old and "even" the middle-aged rarely venture abroad after nightfall, except urgent business compels. Not, indeed, that they are much safer at home.

There is scarcely a street in Dublin where the inhabitants have not been roused in the small hours by the hammering of rifle butts on door panels, and peering cautiously have caught a glimpse in the glare of the searchlights of friends and neighbours carried off as prisoners. However strictly a man may have kept the letter and the spirit of the law, he has no guarantee that any night he may not be seized in bed, hustled into jail, and unless he has friends at court, held for weeks as a suspect. Not so long ago the house of an ex-officer was raided in error. The Auxiliaries routed out an old bayonet brought home as a war souvenir. Refusing to listen to explanations, the owner was put half-dressed into a tender, driven round as a hostage for four or five hours on a bitterly cold night, and only escaped imprisonment through the intervention of an officer who knew him. If this is the treatment meted out to ex-officers, it is not difficult to imagine what professed Republicans may expect.

There are thrills for the civilian who sits at home once curfew comes. There are still more intense thrills for the unlucky civilian who has to be abroad. That the number of such adventures is steadily diminishing need not be wondered at. Even three months ago shots at night were still a sensation; now nothing short of a volley at close quarters provokes surprise. Not all these shots are discharged at human targets. A good many rides go off by accident in the hands of boy soldiers, and nervous patrols approaching a dark path often fire a few rounds to keep up their hearts. Apparently, there are either no penalties for wasting ammunition or any explanation is accepted by those in authority. An armoured car pulled up the other night outside a Dublin police station. An officer and sergeant entered to make enquiries, and stayed so long that the rest of the crew began to grumble. "I'll fetch 'em out all right," said one of the men; and raising his revolver he fired three shots in the air. The policeman who relayed the incident told it as an excellent joke. Judging by experience, curfew patrols are usually composed of the rawest of raw recruits, who look more like schoolboys than soldiers. One bright youth, through sheer clumsiness, ripped from tail to collar with his fixed bayonet the waterproof of a journalist whose permit was being examined. To an indignant remonstrance his officer replied: "If you knew this private you'd think yourself damned lucky you weren't shot."

Curfew patrols may be unpleasant to encounter, but they are angels of light compared with the unofficial people who, armed with pistols, prowl about at their own sweet will during prohibited hours. Dublin is full of late, of these mystery men, tales which I half disbelieved until I ran into a gang myself. It was exactly like an episode in a film play. Walking along a quiet street well after midnight I saw four figures in the distance. There was the usual shout: "Halt, hands up." I stopped dead, and two crossed the street towards me, the others heading straight along to cut off my line of retreat. All were, in truth, and carried revolvers in their hands. This was disconcerting enough, but as the first pair stepped into the light of a street lamp I saw that they had dark-coloured handkerchiefs wound about their faces, leaving only their eyes exposed. Before I had time to think I was gripped by each arm and swung roughly round towards the lamp behind me, with two revolvers at my head, with two revolvers at my head.

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## STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

## ARMY OFFICER EVADES DEBTS.

## JUDGE'S CAUSTIC COMMENT.

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## JAPAN'S CENSUS.

## NATIONALS ABROAD.

## 200,000 IN CHINA.

The number of Japanese residents abroad, is frequently the subject of speculation. The Tokyo Government has just published the result of its census investigations, from which it appears that those residing outside Japanese territory number, in gross total, approximately 650,000, of whom 80,000 are living in Kwangtung Province, 20,000 in Tsingtao, 3,500 in the South Sea Islands under Japanese mandate, and 550,000 in other countries. Of the six continents Asia heads the list in the number of Japanese residents, with figures approaching 340,000, followed by North America with 140,000, Australasia with 120,000, South America with 50,000, Europe with 2,000, and Africa with only 70.

Of the Japanese population abroad, a considerable portion is formed of Koreans and Formosans, the former numbering some 130,000 and the latter 10,000. Women residents abroad are markedly outnumbered by men, the former numbering 250,000, as against 400,000 of the latter. Classified in accordance with countries, the Japanese in China number 200,000; in the United States 110,000; in Hawaii 110,000; in Brazil 30,000; in Canada 20,000; in the Philippines 10,000 in the Straits Settlements (and F. M. S.) 11,000 and in Russia 10,000. In Italy the Japanese residents number only 34; in Spain 18; in Belgium 12 and Sweden 10.

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the reply, "the fellow you've just let into the house." It is never an easy job to tell a complete stranger that good liquor has made him see double. "Beat it now; run like blazes." "Shot attempting to escape" was the formula, that flashed into my mind as I turned away. I didn't run; but all the way down the street I kept edging close to the wall, expecting every second to get a bullet in the back. Fortunately for me my friends were out for foot, not blood. The next day I learned that the proprietor of a shop close to where I was stopped had been routed out of bed by masked men who, under pretence of a search for arms, demanded his keys, cleaned out his safe, and departed.

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## AMERICA'S TRADE.

## EASTERN OFFENSIVE.

## LA ANOTHER HONGKONG.

Washington—It is learned here that the Foreign Office has issued a circular to American commercial correspondents relating to the financial consequences of the new financial consortium to be the major movement in providing China with the shipping lines of ocean capital required for constructing routes planned to build up work in which the Pacific trade in order to offset French, American, and Japanese in commerce with Europe and banking groups are participating in America. The programme of the new financial consortium is to establish new shipping lines from San Francisco, up, in consultation with the American Government, and signed by the various groups of Baltimore and a campaign to be held in the United States Government, whose proposals may be submitted to the Foreign Office as follows:

"1. The establishment of a private interest in making Manila an international co-operative with American commerce what Gibral, Chinese finance in the shape of foreign trade. It is pointed out that the plan involves a programme of careful commercial diplomacy with Japan.

## SHOCKING FATALITY.

## A SINGAPORE ACCIDENT.

## OLD LADY'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

A terrible road fatality, the like of which it has happily not been necessary to record for a long time, occurred in North Bridge Road, opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore. It resulted in the death of an old lady, Mrs. Boyd, wife of Mr. Boyd, who is the caretaker of Burlington House, Coleman Street.

About 7.30, it seems that at a spot directly opposite the block of flats recently erected for a Chinese owner, Mrs. Boyd essayed to cross the road from the flats side to the Cathedral side. She had done so in front of a tramcar which was approaching from the direction of Stamford Road, but a motorbus was also approaching in the narrow road track from the same direction, and Mrs. Boyd apparently stopped to avoid the bus, which is stated to have been practically running alongside the tram, and either stepped or slipped just beneath the corner of the tramcar. She was run over and killed instantly. A distressing feature of the occurrence was the fact that the body was tightly wedged beneath the car and about two hours elapsed before the tramway company's staff with the assistance of police and others were able to jack up the heavy vehicle sufficiently to allow the remains to be withdrawn. The horribly mutilated body was removed to the mortuary in the Municipal ambulance which had been previously called. The driver of the tramcar was arrested and is detained pending investigation.

The *Straits Times* understands that

son-in-law of the late Mrs. Susan Emily Boyd are Messrs. C. Jackson, W. R. A. Godfrey and B. Laybourne, who are with the Eastern Extension Cable Co.

It is understood that the

Governor of each of the four participating groups undertake to give complete support to their respective national group members in their operations undertaken in the interest of the Chinese Government.

These differences were, however, disposed of satisfactorily last September when the four Powers in Peking signed a memorandum in which the Chinese Government acknowledged the right of the four Powers to maintain a military force in China.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

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racial section of the community. It cannot deal with currency matters. It has no control whatever over imperial matters. Its jurisdiction is territorial, and a restricted territorial jurisdiction. It has no control over military lands and fortifications, or over the military or the navy—we do not seek any of these things. With all these safeguards and the additional safeguard that every ordinance passed is subject to disallowance at home, what possible argument can be advanced in defence in depriving those of the community who have a vote at home of a vote here?—(Applause.) I ask you therefore to confirm the principles enunciated in these resolutions, which will lead to unofficial control of our legislature—a control which is more necessary now than it ever was before when we see instances of squander and reckless expenditure going on all round.—(Applause.) These are no new principles. In 1884 a similar petition to that which we now intend to present was presented to the House of Commons and signed by most of the leading residents of the Colony. In 1884 the revenue of the Colony was about two millions. In 1884 it is about eighteen millions. In 1884 the Colony consisted of the island of Hongkong, with no motor road, and a small promontory at Tsimshatsui. There was no New Territory. The building in which we are assembled was on the sea front and nobody could foretell what great changes time would evolve. Now that we are a very important section of the Empire we say the time is long past for us to be absolutely controlled, not even by the whim of a bunch of officials—because the voice of the officials is governed by the voice of one man—but that we should no longer be departmentally governed. I ask you to endorse these resolutions.—(Applause.) The resolutions were then put to the meeting and declared carried.

## FORMAL BUSINESS.

The formal business of the meeting was then proceeded with, the Chairman presenting the annual report and statement of accounts.

Mr. POLLOCK pointed out that during the year the Association had interested itself in various matters of public interest. In conjunction with the Kowloon Residents Association they had called that afternoon's public meeting on the question of rates and they looked forward to co-operating with them still further in the future. He had no doubt that in the near future they would be able to find many subjects on which their co-operation would be desirable, and he trusted that the combined voice of the two organisations would carry due weight. As regards membership, they would see that it stood at present at 288, and the committee earnestly hoped that members would assist by getting in new members and also by handing in their yearly subscription of \$1 to the Honorary Treasurer. From the statement of accounts they would observe that the Association started the year with a balance of \$174.60 and finished up with a cash balance of \$289.02. He would like to express the gratitude of the Association to the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Williams), and also to the acting honorary treasurer (Mr. Blair). He would also like to express the thanks of the committee and the members of the Association to their Honorary Secretary (Mr. L. M. Whyte), who had worked very hard in their interests during the year. He was glad to say that Mr. Whyte had kindly consented to stand again as Honorary Secretary, as also had Mr. Williams agreed to stand again as Honorary Treasurer. He moved that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr. J. O. HUGHES seconded the motion, which was carried *en masse*.

Mr. J. O. HUGHES, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Pollock as President of the Association, said he need not tell members the amount of work Mr. Pollock had done, or the interest he had taken in the affairs of the Association. When the proper time came no doubt they would have an opportunity of expressing to him their appreciation of his valuable services. He only hoped that they would have the honour of having Mr. Pollock as their President during the ensuing year.

Mr. DOWLEY seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. POLLOCK briefly thanked members and stated that he would endeavour in the future to deserve their tributes.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the election as Vice-President of Mr. Alabaster whose public services were, he said, well known to all. Personally he was anxious to secure Mr. Alabaster's valuable services on account of the various municipal matters in connection with which they intended to extend their programme.

Mr. M. E. F. AIREY seconded the resolution and it was carried.

The re-election of Mr. L. M. Whyte as honorary secretary was agreed to on the motion of Mr. STEVENSON, seconded by Mr. PATTENDEN.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the re-election of Mr. E. A. M. Williams as treasurer. Mr. JOSEPH seconded, and the motion was agreed to. Mr. POLLOCK pointed out that to Mr. Williams and to the acting honorary treasurer (Mr. Blair) the Association owed a deep debt of gratitude for much hard work performed during the year.

Mr. H. A. CARTWRIGHT proposed the election of the Committee.

Mr. CRAWFORD seconded.

Mr. W. L. PATTENDEN proposed that Mr. Cartwright's name be added to the list.

Mr. W. JACKSON seconded, and also proposed that Capt. Wheeler and Mr. Frost be appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Whyte seconded this.

The additional names were accepted and the Committee was appointed as follows:

The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYDAY, Dr. C. FORSYTH, Messrs. J. P. BRAZ, A. G. COBBIN, W. A. DOOLY, C. MONTAGNE EDE, D. HARVEY, C. H. J. HAY, A. S. D. CULLEN, H. B. L. DOWBELLIN, W. JACKSON, J. OWEN HUGHES, F. A. JOSEPH, A. R. LEWIS, ERAN, ORMOND, W. L. PATTENDEN, E. D. SCOTT, D. V. STEVENSON, H. A. CARTWRIGHT, B. L. FROST, and Captain

T. W. WHEELER.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

## PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

## CHINA COAST, ETC.

## SWATOW.

MAY 13.—D. L. Haileong.  
15.—G. S. K. Kaito Maru.  
17.—D. L. Haibong.  
17.—I. C. S. N. Tungshing.  
19.—O. S. K. Soho Maru.  
20.—D. L. Haiching.  
21.—I. C. S. N. Chusang.

## AMOY.

MAY 13.—D. L. Haileong.  
14.—G. S. K. Tsoo Maru.  
15.—O. S. K. Kaito Maru.  
17.—D. L. Haibong.  
19.—O. S. K. Soho Maru.  
20.—C. N. Suning.  
21.—D. L. Haiching.

## FOOCHOW.

MAY 13.—D. L. Haileong.  
17.—D. L. Haibong.  
20.—D. L. Haiching.

## SHANGHAI.

MAY 13.—C. N. Soochow.  
14.—I. C. J. L. Tsinke.  
14.—L. T. Nippon.  
14.—C. N. Suoyang.  
14.—C. N. Chinkiang.  
17.—I. C. S. N. Szechuan.  
18.—C. N. Tungshing.  
18.—C. N. Shantung.  
24.—B. F. Anhwei.  
25.—P. & O. Yunnan.  
June 1.—M. L. Pail Locat.  
7.—P. & O. Delta.

## WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOU.

MAY 13.—C. N. Kueichow.

## TIENTSIN.

MAY 17.—I. C. S. N. Chipehing.  
18.—C. N. Kueichow.

## TSINGTAO.

MAY 14.—C. N. Suiyuan.

17.—I. C. S. N. Tungshing.

## KEELUNG.

MAY 15.—O. S. K. Kaito Maru.

## TAKAO.

MAY 19.—O. S. K. Soho Maru.

## PUKOU.

MAY 17.—C. N. Szechuan.

## HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

MAY 18.—I. C. S. N. Loraing.  
21.—C. N. Kaito Maru.

## SAIGON.

MAY 25.—A. L. Lake Onawa.  
31.—M. M. Andre Leon.  
31.—O. S. K. Kaito Maru.

## VALPARAISO.

(VIA THE CAFE)

MAY 21.—N. Y. K. Awa Maru.

(VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, THE CAFE, CALIFORNIA, UTAH, ARKANSAS & IOWA)

MAY 13.—T. K. K. Soyo Maru.

JUNE 10.—T. K. K. Rakuyo Maru.

JULY 11.—T. K. K. Choyo Maru.

## SINGAPORE.

MAY 19.—A. L. Lake Onawa.

21.—J. C. J. L. Theebot.

31.—O. S. K. Kaito Maru.

JUNE 21.—C. M. N. China.

## BANGKOK.

JULY 24.—I. C. S. N. Chinsang.

31.—O. S. K. Kaito Maru.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MAY 11.—I. C. S. N. Loongang.

14.—A. L. Wenzhou.

21.—A. L. Abenro.

JUNE 4.—C. M. N. Nanking.

## JAYA PORTS, ETC.

MAY 18.—J. C. J. L. Tjiondari.

25.—A. L. Lake Onawa.

28.—J. C. J. L. Tjiloboe.

31.—Nanyo Y. K. Siam Maru.

JUNE 20.—A. L. Glynmont.

## INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.

(VIA Rangoon).

MAY 14.—I. C. S. N. Laizang.

21.—B. L. Attock.

JUNE 1.—B. L. Attock.

## BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

MAY 22.—O. S. K. Indo Maru.

22.—N. Y. K. Tejina Maru.

JUNE 8.—O. S. K. Hague Maru.

## AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

MAY 21.—C. & A. Wah Ping.

22.—N. Y. K. Kaito Maru.

JUNE 21.—N. Y. K. Hague Maru.

## SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

MAY 21.—C. & A. Wah Ping.

22.—N. Y. K. Kaito Maru.

JUNE 21.—N. Y. K. Hague Maru.

## JAPAN PORTS.

MAY 12.—B. I. Aratoon Apoi.

12.—N. Y. K. Shidzuka Maru.

12.—N. Y. K. Kaito Maru.

12.—N. Y. K. Nanyo Y. K. Bonnes Maru.

17.—B. F. Bellphon.

21.—J. O. J. L. Tjiloboe.

21.—B. F. Archies.

22.—P. & O. Alpore.

22.—N. Y. K. Tando Maru.

25.—B. F. Tando Maru.

JUNE 2.—B. F. D. T. D. Maru.

12.—N. Y. K. Chidzuka Maru.

12.—B. F. Yantze.

12.—B. F. Itron.

22.—B. F. Sora.

22.—P. & O. Kaito Maru.

19.—P. & O. Hashiori.

19.—P. & O. Kaito Maru.

